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### **Idaho Winter Wheat Production Down 5 Percent from Last Year**

Idaho's 2013 winter wheat production is forecast at 56.2 million bushels, 5 percent lower than last year and 11 percent below the 2011 crop, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Based on May 1 conditions, yield is estimated at 76.0 bushels per acre, down 4 bushels from last year. Acres expected to be harvested are set at 740,000 acres, unchanged from 2012.

Idaho's May 1 hay stocks totaled 570,000 tons, down 19 percent from the May 1, 2012 total of 700,000 tons, but up from the 280,000 tons on May 1, 2011.

Nationally, winter wheat production is forecast at 1.49 billion bushels, down 10 percent from 2012. As of May 1, the United States yield is forecast at 45.4 bushels per acre, down 1.8 bushels from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 32.7 million acres, down 6 percent from last year. As of April 28, thirty-three percent of the winter wheat crop in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 31 percentage points below the same week in 2012. Heading had reached 14 percent, 15 percentage points behind the 5-year average pace.

Hard Red Winter, at 768 million bushels, is down 23 percent from a year ago. Soft Red Winter, at 501 million bushels, is up 19 percent from 2012. White Winter, at 217 million bushels, is down 2 percent from a year ago. Of this White Winter production, 11.4 million bushels are Hard White and 205 million bushels are Soft White.

All hay stored on farms May 1, 2013 totaled 14.2 million tons, down 34 percent from a year ago. Disappearance from December 1, 2012-May 1, 2013 totaled 62.4 million tons, compared with 69.3 million tons for the same period a year earlier.

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